

General Items.

Jasper Co., Texas, is said to have rock that makes mill-stones equal to the French burr.

A learned German theologian has found out that there are a few more than forty-four million devils.

A man in New Albany, Ind., recently paid another man \$2.50 to whip his wife, and stood by to see that the work was done according to contract.

Kate Kelley, of Brooklyn, is the handsomest woman in New York, and the American Association have given her a gold ring as testimonial to the fact.

M. Tschudi, of Cairo, got into the papers there as "Gschmidt." Mr. T. wants to know "If you reporters don't know how to spell my name, how Tschudi."

None are so fond of secrets as those who do not mean to keep them: such persons covet secrets as a spendthrift does money, for the purpose of circulation.

A Missouri husband whose wife has applied for a divorce, writes a protest to the judge, in which he says, "this dam thing call devorce has, in my opinion, parted many a man and his wife."

A Chicago boy of six was refused permission to go fishing the other Sunday for fears of his safety. He showed his parents that he wasn't born to be drowned, by going to the barn and hanging himself.

Some time ago, a fellow in Idaho married a girl of 12 summers. He was five feet tall himself, and congratulated himself on an appropriate match; but since then she has started into an uncommon growth, and already overtops him by a foot, and is still in the upward path.

An exchange enumerates the following among the incidental accomplishments of some of our celebrated women: Kate Field is a good pistol shot, Miss Hazlett swims like a duck, Elizabeth Cady Stanton is a scientific angler, and Susan B. Anthony plays a rattling game of draw poker.

A schoolmaster in Bridgeport, Ct., who asked a small pupil of what the surface of the earth consists, and was promptly answered, "Land and water," varied the question slightly, that the fact might be impressed on the boy's mind, and asked, "What, then, do land and water make?" to which came the immediate response, "Mud."

An old woman's goose was shot by an amateur sportsman at Kishkonongy, Wis., about two years ago. She has allowed the matter to lie since that time till now, when she brings suit against the despoiler of her poultry for \$80, that being the estimate she puts upon her fowl's value in flesh and feathers by the natural laws of reproduction.

The following advertisement has appeared in the Morristown *Jerseyman*.

"To whom it may concern: Whereas, Parmelia Bush, a resident of Chester, did promise to marry me on the 19th inst., but instead of doing so, did flunk and has run off, I brand her as a liar, and a person of bad character generally. EDWARD PRATT."

One J. L. Smith, arrested the other day in New Orleans on a charge of having committed a murder at Carrollton, Ga., 15 years ago, said he had had a number of unpleasant difficulties in his life, but that he could not remember whether he had killed a man at that place at that time. If the police would give him a few days for reflection, he added that he would try to refresh his memory, and report accordingly.

A family in Columbus, O., afford a most hopeful soil for grounding a cheerful philosophy. Recently one of the two children in the household died the day before a circus came into town. The parents and surviving child thought how the cherub, when in the flesh, would have reveled in that circus, and they honored its memory by attending. In the afternoon they prepared the dead infant for its long home, and returned to the evening's entertainment.

The women are unusually smart up in Maine; at least some of them are. In 1864, a Captain in the First Maine Heavy Artillery, Third Division, Second Army Corps, while in camp upon the Potomac, received the following laconic letter from his wife. "Bangor, Maine, August, 1864. MY DEAR HUSBAND.—I have washed and baked, and had a boy baby; got through by half-past two o'clock. Think I'll rest a week. Affectionately your wife. M—."

A "strong minded" thus relieves herself: "Marry! marry! marry! That's man's eternal cry. Marry and settle down." Settle down into a house—"two-story back" perhaps settle down into a kitchen, a cook-stove, a wash-tub, a cradle! and so keep settling, settling, settling into a weary, worn, faded woman—on whom the male importuner, after five or ten years of his exclusive companionship, may look and congratulate himself on having accomplished a successful ruin!

Because we are taught by tradition to trace all our ills and trials back to a serpent, we, the human race, have been very unfor-giving, and sought occasions to bruise his head unmercifully. Mr. Hyford Barr, an English gentleman, however, is an exception, who has some confidence in snakes. He thinks that they were made for some wise purpose, and so is doing his best to elevate their condition. He has established a "snakery" in his park, where he keeps a large number of the innocent species of snakes, and hopes to improve the character and condition of the reptiles of England by careful cultivation and a judicious mingling of the breeds.

August Reiglemeyer, a Catholic priest, who has been a missionary in China for some years, can hardly think the Celestials are worse heathen than can be found here. While in Terre Haute, Ind., recently, he started to walk to a Catholic institution in the suburbs, intending to take the evening train at that point for St. Louis. When about two miles out he was halted by three men, one of whom struck him a blow which felled him to the ground. He was then tied to a tree, and the contents of his valise examined. The robbers took all his money, about \$169—\$120 being in French gold—his gold watch, exchanged hats and boots with him, and left him bound to the tree.

A young Ohio couple left home the day of their marriage, about a fortnight ago, for Chicago, going by a lake boat, on board of which was a jolly crowd of all sorts of people, with some of whom the young farmer and his wife were quite familiar. On the trip the wife proposed a trial of planchette with a young gallant, and the machine told her that the man was her true husband and that she should accept him. She was by training a free lover, and accepted. When the boat touched at Milwaukee, they quietly disappeared on shore, and took the cars south. A purse of \$1000 she had taken from her husband, and her mother's diamond ring passed into the hands of the gay seducer, who went forward into a smoking car and left with the conductor a note advising her to return to her "hubby." So much for planchette.

WINDHAM COUNTY FAIR.
AT NEWFAKE, SEPT. 27-28.

The Windham County Agricultural Society (says the *Phoenix*) commenced their 26th annual exhibition at Fayetteville, on Wednesday, Sept. 27, under the most favorable circumstances, the weather and the temper of the people all seeming to combine to make the show a success.

The receipts indicate a full attendance, and the entries to many departments were far ahead of anything before in the history of the society. Those particularly noticeable were the ox and horse departments. There were three town teams, viz: Townshend, Putney and Newfane. The ten yoke on the Townshend team averaged 3625 pounds, the ten on their three-year-old steer team 2707 pounds. Putney made a fine show, but came without their weights. Newfane's ten averaged 3309 pounds. There were in all 56 yoke of oxen and steers on the ground. Among the thoroughbreds was a noble four-year-old bull from the Winslow herd, of Putney, weight 2175 pounds. The Dutch cattle were fully represented by 13 fine animals from the Houghton farm in Putney, one of them being a fine yearling bull that took the sweepstakes prize at the New England fair at Lowell, Mass. The show of brood mares and colts was far above the average in numbers, and good in quality.

The wool interest was fully represented: J. Holton, of Westminster, exhibited a fine lot of merinos, and James Flint, of Putney, a flock of 30 Southdowns, among them the sweepstakes buck,—the animal having twice taken that prize at other shows in addition to the regular first premium of \$15; also a pen of five ewe lambs, whose average weight was 98 pounds.

The show of field and garden products was good.

In consideration of the year, the quality of the fruit exhibited was far superior to what we had a right to expect. In butter, cheese and sugar, farmers held good their reputation. And the ladies' department is another of those inimitable things which we will not undertake to describe.

The attendance on the second day of the exhibition was not more than two-thirds that of the day previous. The weather was quite raw, with cold winds and occasional showers, rendering overcoats and waterproofs decidedly comfortable. The trot at 1 P. M., was not particularly exciting. The first premium of \$25 was won by J. N. Knapp, of Dummerston. Time, 3:15, 3:07, 3:40. At 2 o'clock the address was delivered by Hon. John Gregory, of Northfield. It was an interesting, sound and sensible production; occupied something over half an hour in delivery, and was received with favor by the audience.

WINDSOR COUNTY FAIR,
AT WOODSTOCK, SEPT. 26-28.

The Woodstock *Standard* says:—Without boasting or in any way deviating from the truth it may be claimed that the Windsor County Agricultural Society is the most remarkably successful of any county or local society in Vermont, if not in New England. Twenty-six years has it been in existence and during all that time it has scarcely held what might be called a poor fair. Our society has attained an age almost venerable and to-day has a stronger hold on the hearts of the people of the county than ever before.

The twenty-sixth annual exhibition of the Society opened auspiciously on Tuesday. Up to Monday evening the entries in advance were far in excess of any previous year, and yet it taxed to the utmost a large corps of

clerks to receive those that came in during the forenoon of Tuesday. The weather was bright and promising and relying upon the assurances it seemed to give of good weather a large number were in attendance. But about noon the rain began to descend briskly, which it kept up almost unceasingly till into the evening. As a consequence everybody went home, or to comfortable places of shelter.

Thursday was as charming an autumn day as could be desired. Thousands of people attended the fair, covering the extensive grounds like a swarming bee-hive. We should judge that not less than four thousand people were on the grounds during the day.

Taken all in all the fair was equal to any heretofore given by the Society. In some departments, sheep for instance, we have seen a better show, and the same may be true of horses, but as a whole the exhibition stands unsurpassed. The aggregate of entries was about twelve hundred. Of these about two hundred were of fancy articles, one hundred and thirty-six of garden vegetables, in one class only of horses one hundred and seventy, and so on.

The address of Judge Steele was a very able and deeply interesting argument in favor of a protective tariff. He spoke about an hour and ten minutes and was listened to closely by a very large audience of the yeomanry of Windsor county.

On Thursday a larger number of people were present than we remember to have seen before, on the closing day of a fair. Good weather, with the exception of a smart shower soon after noon, attended all the exercises of the day.

AMERICAN POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The thirteenth biennial session and exhibition of this Society was held at Richmond, Va., opening on the 6th of the present month, and continuing four days. The attendance was large, the discussions animated, and the display of fruits one of the largest ever brought together in North America. There were nearly four thousand plates of fruit on exhibition. Among the State contributions were the following: Iowa 118 varieties of apples; Kansas 200 varieties of apples, 30 of pears, 30 of grapes; Nebraska 146 varieties of apples, 13 of pears, 1 of plums and 1 of grapes; California 27 varieties of apples, 10 of pears, 14 of grapes, 3 of oranges, and one each of plums, almonds, olives and quince; Minnesota 60 varieties of apples, 22 of pears, 10 of Siberian crab, 4 of plums, and 1 of grapes. The collection from Nebraska, being the only one meeting the requirements, and being worthy, was awarded the hundred dollar premium offered by the Virginia State Horticultural Society, for the best and largest collection of different species of fruit from any one state. The Land Department of the Illinois Central Railroad exhibited over 200 varieties of apples, and about 30 of pears. Prominent among the individual exhibitors were the following: Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, Dorchester, 232 varieties of pears; Elwanger & Barry, Rochester, N. Y., 157 varieties of pears; F. & J. Clapp, Boston, 30 new seedling pears, many of "extraordinary beauty and quality;" Dr. A. P. Wylie, South Carolina, 40 varieties of new seedling and hybrid grapes.

A Kentucky boy, who was badly bitten by a dog, applied three madstones, drank unmeasured quantities of whisky, and just before he died of hydrophobia, called in a physician, in the vain hope that he might then save him.